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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Michael P. Flanagan, Chairman 

SUBJECT: Presentation on Priority Schools

In September, members of the State Board of Education asked for information about the Priority Schools—which schools are identified, what is their status on: student achievement, achievement gap, and growth status as well as graduation rate. These data explain how the Priority Schools compare to other schools in the state. Michigan Department of Education (MDE) staff have analyzed data about the schools considering both assessment and demographic data as well as information about leadership, instruction, culture and climate, and governance in the school and classroom. The presentation will provide an overview of the Priority Schools and the issues that they face and must overcome in order to make a rapid turnaround in student achievement. The presentation will also identify some of the supports provided by the MDE.

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